

Goodstone Aircraft Company has just come up with a new system for reducing the number of scrapped parts. It involves 8" x 11" manilla cards covered with dozens of tiny little boxes that must be filled in with blueprint dimensions and part dimensions and employee numbers. Every machining operation on every part being made must be numbered and kept track of and inspected and approved by inspectors and lead men and supervisors who must rubber stamp appropriate boxes.

Hell, it's bound to work, The machinist will be so busy filling out the cards and getting rubber stamp approvals that they won't have time to scrap as many parts.

KEEP THE FAITH

"There will be no layoffs!" the supervisor yelled at us during the monthly shop talk. A month later we were asking him, "What about those three secretaries they just laid off?" and he was yelling at us, "There will be no layoffs on the shop floor!" Another month later we were asking him, "What about the inspector and the toolmaker they just laid off?" and he was yelling at us, "There will be no layoffs in DIRECT production! You guys are DIRECT production! Wait'll you see what happens when we get that Weber Co. construction contract next month; boy, we'll have TWICE as much work; you guys think it's busy now, wait'll" Another month later the supervisor was passing out slips of paper to us. "Why do they want me in the office at 11:00 A.M.? I was asking him. "I don't know. Maybe you got a phone call."

In the office they were smiling at us. "We very well MIGHT call you back in a month. We can't promise anything, but keep us informed of any address changes, because we very well MIGHT"